

1     **IN THE CLAIMS**

2     --1. (Currently amended)     An apparatus for applying eyeliner to the lashbed of the eyelids, said  
3     apparatus comprising:

4             a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

5             a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

6             a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming a root end and a tip end of said tuft;

7             wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of said tuft;

8             wherein said first end of said ferrule is attached to said attachment end;

9             wherein said root end is attached at said second end of said ferrule;

10            wherein said tuft has a pre-determined cross-section defined by a width and a thickness; and

11            wherein said bristles are aligned such that said bristles in a direction along said width form a  
12     generally curved shape, such that said tuft at said tip end is arcuately shaped, and said thickness is  
13     substantially uniform along said arcuate shape [curved].

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15     2. (Canceled)

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17     3. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of bristles have  
18     substantially the same lengths.

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20     4. (Canceled)

1 5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said width is greater than  
2 or equal to twice said thickness.

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4 6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined cross-  
5 section is semi-elliptical.

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7 7. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is tapered.

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9 8. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is constructed  
10 from a metal.

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12 9. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said metal is aluminum.

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14 10. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said metal is steel.

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16 11. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said metal is tin.

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18 12. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said metal is an alloy of tin.

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20 13. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is constructed  
21 from wood.

1 14. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is constructed  
2 from plastic.

4 15. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said handle is constructed  
5 from bamboo.

7 16. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ferrule is constructed  
8 from a metal.

10 17. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said metal is tin.

12 18. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said metal is steel.

14 19. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said metal is aluminum.

16 20. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said metal is an alloy of tin.

18 21. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ferrule is constructed  
19 from plastic.

1 22. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said bristles comprise  
2 fibrous strands.

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4 23. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said fibrous strands comprise synthetic  
5 nylon.

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7 24. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair.

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9 25. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair and  
10 synthetic nylon.

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12 26. (Previously presented) A method of applying cosmetic to the lashbed of the eyelids using the  
13 apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said method comprises the steps of:

14 applying cosmetic to said tip end of said tuft;

15 firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a plurality of locations on said lashbed

16 such that said generally curved shape of said tip end meets the skin of said

17 lashbed; and

18 moving said tip end in a side-to-side motion on each said location such that said

19 cosmetic is applied to said lashbed between, above and/or below individual

20 lashes at said location.--